

**City of San Diego
MEDICAL MARIJUANA/CANNABIS TASK FORCE**

**MEETING SUMMARY FOR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2002 @ 12 NOON**

**EXECUTIVE COMPLEX - 5TH FLOOR
1010 SECOND AVENUE**

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Attendance:

The following Task Force members were in attendance: St. Clair Adams, Dale Kelly Bankhead, Dr. Al Best, Steve McWilliams, Jerry Meier, Dr. Daniel Pearce, Ann Shanahan-Walsh, Mike Barbee.
Staff: Lt. Carl Black, Ed Plank, Alison Glennon, Debra Fischle-Faulk.

Review of Summary from January Meeting

Summary for January was approved, with no changes.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Patient/Doctor Issues Subcommittee

Ann spoke regarding Jerry's survey and assessing the data not just on AIDS patients, but the need for all patients to be included. More public relations is needed to get the message of the Task Force across to the public. Dr. Best stated he would go and others as well, to speak to groups outside of the City to assist with outreach. Dale mentioned when the ID Card is up and running, the Task Force will aggressively promote it with outreach. It was mentioned to send a copy of the survey the report to the Medical Society and all news channels as well. Any revisions to the copy, will be done prior to the report being submitted to the PS&NS Committee.

Legislative Efforts Subcommittee

A letter sent by a doctor opposing Medical Marijuana, which was sent to the Union-Tribune, is to be ignored according to all Task Force members. More outreach is needed to educate before any other item may go to Council.

At this time, Debra Fischle-Faulk, spoke regarding her department's involvement with the ID Card Program, the RFP process and implementation. The operation will be by the City, but an outside agency will run it. The RFP process takes time and involves many steps before the ID Card Program

will be up and running.

Law Enforcement Subcommittee

St Clair spoke regarding what took place at the previous sub-committee meeting. A copy of the PD Policy 3.28 was forwarded to the CMAC Attorney for review. The changes were incorporated in to that document by the sub-committee. A final draft will be put together and submitted to the Task Force for approval. A final will then be sent to the Police Chief for his comments at a date to be determined. Comments about the DEA were: good news, small amounts, the person is not to be touched, but bad news, efforts will be focused on Cannabis Clubs and Co-Op's. Ultimately court decisions will determine case law on large amounts.

Advocacy Subcommittee

Steve phoned several Cities regarding hosting a public seminar at Golden Hall or another location, so Task Force members can speak on the ID Card Program. Channel 10 will do an opinion piece related to the ID Card Program. Many Oakland patients have been coming in to Shelter from the Storm. Steve suggested the letters sent out to agencies last summer, are re-sent to learn more about other Cities guidelines or procedures, which they may have in place now.

Medical Research Subcommittee

A summation was provided regarding several items, the first one an update on the research at UCSD. No research can move forward until the cannabis is obtained. Approval for the tour is still underway. An article was discussed on inhaled Cannabis vs. Marinol. Study concluded inhaled cannabis was a better method than taking Marinol orally. Lastly, an 8 year old was administered cannabis to relieve psychiatric symptoms.

Public Comments

Several public comments touched on raising funds, videotaping the meetings and organizing workshops and luncheon's for the press.

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